

always looking for ways to give back. It influences the youth in Chatham through the D.A.R.E. program, which helps to illustrate the harmful effects of drugs and alcohol. Additionally, it continues to promote internet safety through a program that aims to educate both parents and children on the subject matter.

Overall, the Chatham Borough Police Department has continued to exemplify extraordinary citizenship and values while putting its officers in harm's way to ensure the safety and the betterment of its residents. Officers respond to every call without fear, and their efforts are commended.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Chatham Borough Police Department as it celebrates its 100th anniversary.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF AARON JASON

#### HON. PATRICK MURPHY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 11, 2013*

Mr. MURPHY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of an outstanding young man. Aaron Jason, a rising junior at South Fork High School, passed away on June 26, 2013 at the age of 16. Aaron is survived by his mother Roylyn, his father Nigel and his two sisters, Ayanna and Amina.

Aaron was born on May 5, 1997 and attended South Fork High School in Martin County, Florida and was scheduled to graduate in 2015.

Aaron was a member of the Youth in Government program at the YMCA for 3 years, and cared deeply about his country and community. His interest in government and politics lead him to become involved in my race for Congress, in which he was active as an intern and volunteer. It was through this volunteer work that I had the fortune of meeting Aaron and the privilege of getting to know him.

In addition to his community involvement outside of school, Aaron was an active member of South Fork's Key Club and was a member of the track team. Always pushing himself to excel, he was enrolled in the International Baccalaureate program, as well as in Advanced Placement courses. He was a smart young man with an incredibly bright future ahead of him. He always had a smile on his face and was articulate, easy to get along with, and very quick with a joke or kind word. He had an incredible work ethic and was a true pleasure to be around.

Aaron was planning to go to law school and become an attorney or enter public service as an elected official. Having known him personally, I know he would have been successful at anything he put his mind too, and we are all saddened that he was taken from us well before his time. Given Aaron's love for American government and politics, I hope he would have appreciated having his life memorialized in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD here today.

Mr. Speaker, Aaron Jason was a truly special young man with a good heart, a strong will, and a deep commitment to his community. He will be missed by his family and friends, by me, and by everyone whose lives he touched in the Treasure Coast community.

#### RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF MIGUEL TIMOSHENKOV

#### HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 11, 2013*

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Miguel Timoshenkov, for 42 years in the field of journalism. He began his career in Mexico; after 12 years and various publications, he joined The Laredo Morning Times. After 30 years he ended his tenure with the Morning Times.

Mr. Timoshenkov received his degree in Communications from the Valle de Mexico University. Additionally, he has obtained various degrees from other prestigious institutions such as the Autonomous University of Tamaulipas and Texas A&M International University.

After publishing an article in the '80s about the Mexican government and its role in media censorship during the elections, he was penalized and forced to leave his job, after which he was recruited by The Laredo Morning Times. Mr. Timoshenkov, by means of investigative journalism, has enlightened not only our southern neighbors but Americans alike.

Mr. Timoshenkov's fearlessness and sense of commitment to his craft have garnered him many obstacles, security risks and multiple court appearances for his words. However, each and every time the charges lacked merit and one by one they were dropped. To many that would suffice as a deterrent, but he continued to delve and search for the facts.

His extensive resume includes El Diario and El Mañana and Grupo Radio Mil and Radiorama where he served as their news director.

Mr. Timoshenkov's work has been recognized not only by the cities of Laredo, Nuevo Laredo but also by government agencies such as the Department of Homeland Security, the Chamber of Commerce, and United States Border Patrol.

Over the years he has received many awards and accolades from various institutions, including a first, second and third place awarded by The Hearst Corporation.

Mr. Timoshenkov has demonstrated a dedication to excellence for over 40 years, and should take great pride in the work he has accomplished.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the commitment to service to our communities exhibited by the journalist Miguel Timoshenkov.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 11, 2013*

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, on July 8, 2013, I mistakenly voted "nay" on rollcall vote 306. I meant to vote "aye" on the Audit Integrity and Job Protection Act (H.R. 1564).

#### HONORING ROBERT JAMES GOW

#### HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 11, 2013*

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a remarkable and hard-working man from my district Robert James Gow. He passed away peacefully on Sunday, July 7, 2013 in his home in Carson, California.

Born on April 16, 1931 to Peter and Regina Gow in Gary, Indiana, Robert, known to many as Bob, was the youngest of seven siblings. An adventurous and fearless spirit, Bob's greatest legacy lives on through his dedication to family and service to others in his community.

As a young man, Bob courageously served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War. After the war, Bob expanded his interest in airplanes, flying, and space exploration while working at McDonnell Douglas, Northrop, North American Aviation, Rockwell, Aero-Jet, Autonetics and Boeing. In addition to being a hard worker, Bob was known as a family man. He married the love of his life, Judith Vanderpool Gow, with whom he had three sons, James, Kenneth, and William. Bob was also the grandfather of five girls, Lauren, Bryahn, Gina, Alice and Michaela, as well as a loving uncle to many nieces and nephews.

Bob loved his community and was deeply involved in the St. Philomena Catholic Church for over 54 years. He was active with the Parent Teacher Association, Little League Baseball, and Boy Scout Troop 950 in Carson. Helping others and improving his community were his life passions.

He will be remembered as a man of dedication and a pillar of our community. I was honored to have met such a remarkable man. He will be missed dearly by his family, friends and loved ones.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all Members of the House to join me in a moment of silence to commemorate the memory of the late Robert James Gow.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE CITY OF COLTON, CALIFORNIA

#### HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 11, 2013*

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute today to the city of Colton, California, as their community celebrates their 126th birthday this week.

Colton is a growing center for new business, residential and employment opportunities in the County of San Bernardino. Colton also offers a well-balanced community with affordable housing and many family support and public safety programs. Settled in the 1770's by explorers from Mexico, Colton was formed when the Southern Pacific Railway pushed the final transcontinental leg though on its way to Los Angeles in 1875. The city derived its name from Civil War General David Colton, also the Vice President of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company.

Since incorporation in 1887, Colton's population has grown to 52,940. The city's motto of

"The Hub City" truly fits. Activity associated with the railroad and the citrus orchards made Colton a busy place, with many business and residents working to support railroad operations. In South Colton, where many railroad workers lived, residents built their own homes often using the disassembled wooden crates from railroad shipments as building materials. Established in 1882, the Colton Railroad Crossing is one of the busiest railroad intersections in the Nation. A \$270 million project is in process to replace this crossing with a fly-over to raise the east-west Union Pacific tracks over the north-south Burlington Northern Santa Fe tracks.

The residents of Colton have worked hard to make their city one of the best places in Southern California to work, live, and enjoy life. Colton is a diverse community where residents can pursue their dreams in an environment abundant with opportunities for educational and economic advancement. It is indeed my pleasure to represent the residents of this beautiful city, who have contributed much of their time towards making Colton a destination for visitors and a home for those seeking a sense of community and a high quality of life.

Mr. Speaker, on this very special year for the City of Colton, please join me in commemorating their one hundred and twenty sixth anniversary.

HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF MORRISTOWN

**HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 11, 2013*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Junior League of Morristown, located in Morristown, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 75th anniversary.

As a non-profit, charitable organization of women, the Junior League of Morristown aims to "bring people and needs" together through the promotion of voluntarism, the development of potential in women, and the improvement of communities through adept leadership and action. Since its founding in 1936, the Junior League of Morristown has been completely nondiscriminatory in its acceptance of women, as demonstrated by the members' diverse backgrounds. There are over 390 active members that compose the Junior League of Morristown, an organization that is 1 of the 292 total Junior Leagues that make up the Association of Junior Leagues International, which draws from the United States, Canada, Great Britain, and Mexico.

Since its creation in 1936, the Junior League of Morristown has played a significant role in the development of Morristown and the surrounding area. The League has dedicated both time and effort to a plethora of charitable and non-charitable organizations, such as The Neighborhood House, Morristown Hospital, the Girl Scouts, the Red Cross during World War II emergencies, the Children's Theatre, and the Arts Council of the Morris Area, just to name a few. The League has received a number of grants and donations in order to continue its charitable work in the surrounding community. The Junior League is also proud

to operate The Nearly New Shop resale and consignment shop located in Morristown.

In most recent news, the Junior League of Morristown made headlines when it finished a project with the Jersey Battered Women's Service that transformed a common room into a multi-purpose room for victims healing from violent acts. The Morristown Patch and The Daily Record, area newspapers, both cover the tremendous effort by the League. The JBWS director, Patty Sly commented: "We are so appreciative of the JLM for sharing their time and talents to create a relaxing and healing environment for our clients. Their efforts offer hope and dignity to those seeking protection from abuse. This is just one of many projects that the JLM has assisted us with over the years and we are grateful for our ongoing partnership." The project is only one of many that the League has pursued over its 75 year existence, yet it symbolizes the values that every community should strive to uphold. While it did receive a little bit of press coverage for a seemingly "small" project, a newspaper cannot do justice in describing what the Junior League of Morristown means to its community.

Charitable organizations, such as the Junior League of Morristown, provide an invaluable and meaningful service to towns such as Morristown. The Junior League of Morristown has always been available and willing to lend a helping hand when it was needed, and with the support of the local residents, its staff and volunteers, it will continue to do so for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Junior League of Morristown as they celebrate their 75th Anniversary.

OBAMA'S ABDICATION OF LEADERSHIP IN SUDAN

**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 11, 2013*

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, Friday marks three years since the International Criminal Court (ICC) released an arrest warrant for Sudanese President Omar Bashir on charges of genocide in Darfur including overseeing acts of torture, the rape of thousands of women, and forced displacement of hundreds of thousands.

And yet, almost inexplicably, Bashir continues to travel the globe with virtual impunity thanks in no small part to the Obama administration's morally bankrupt posture when it comes to the regime in Khartoum.

For four months now the position of Sudan Special Envoy has been vacant. This vacancy is symptomatic of a president that has all but forsaken the people of Sudan.

Last December a group of prominent Sudan activists and advocates wrote a letter to the administration, which I submit for the Record, expressing their "grave concerns that the current U.S. policy is ineffective at stopping mass atrocities in Sudan." They urged President Obama, in his second term, to embrace "an urgent shift in the U.S. policy to finally end the humanitarian crises and bring about a just and lasting peace in Sudan."

The letter cited the president's own words from 2007 when he rightly called the genocide

in Darfur a "stain on our souls" and said that "as a president of the United States I don't intend to abandon people or turn a blind eye to slaughter."

And yet, I can't help but wonder if the people of Darfur, who have been displaced from their homes and brutalized by violence for ten years now, do in fact feel abandoned by this president and this administration.

The United Nations Humanitarian Coordinator in Sudan, Ali Al-Za'tari, released a statement on July 7, prompted by the recent tragic death of two World Vision humanitarian workers caught in a shootout between government forces and rebels in Darfur, in which he commented on the "continuing unstable security" in the region which threatens to disrupt the flow of vital aid to an already desperate populace.

Not only is Darfur's nightmare ongoing, but Khartoum's brutality has only spread, consistent with its decades' long effort to systematically and ruthlessly consolidate power resulting in the death and displacement of untold thousands. More recently the Nuban people have been driven from their homes, targeted for killing and terrorized because of the color of their skin. Khartoum has indiscriminately bombed civilian populations—disrupting an entire way of life for this largely farming population. Starvation, death and despair have followed.

According to the UN Humanitarian Affairs office approximately half a million people have been displaced because of the conflict in Nuba. Last week a Sudanese jet reportedly attacked the routes typically taken by refugees from the Nuba region to the Yida refugee camp in South Sudan killing an unknown number of civilians.

I have visited Yida and talked with the people personally. I have heard their pleas for help and I have conveyed their message to this administration—a message which fell on largely deaf ears.

On March 19, USA Today featured a joint op-ed by actor and co-founder of the anti-genocide organization Not On Our Watch, Don Cheadle, and John Prendergast the co-founder of the Enough Project, in the op-ed wrote, "By excluding all but a narrow clique of Sudanese from access to the power and wealth of the country, marginalized groups from the west (Darfur), south (Blue Nile and the Nuba Mountains) and east have all taken up arms against that regime. . . . Any peace effort should deal comprehensively with all the rebel movements, the unarmed opposition, and civil society, in search of a solution for the whole of Sudan. Until the abusive governing system in Sudan is radically reformed, there will be blood."

Indeed, much blood has been shed, and yet inexplicably this administration has embraced a policy of engagement marked by conciliatory outreach to Khartoum, including the prospect of debt relief for a genocidal government.

While there has been criticism of two successive special envoys, ultimately they were merely the implementers of a policy that is inherently flawed and ultimately ineffective.

In a February 12 letter to Secretary of State Kerry I wrote, "Our approach to Sudan and South Sudan needs reinvigorating. It demands a renewed sense of moral clarity about who we are dealing with in Khartoum—namely genocidaires. It necessitates someone who can speak candidly with our friends in South